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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Art Unit: 2826

Examiner: Mr. Benjamin P. Sandvik

PATENT APPLICATION of:

| Applicant | : | Kazutaka SHIBATA | |
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| Serial No. | : . | 10/795,994 | • |
| Filed | : | March 10, 2004 |) <u>AMENDMENT</u> |
| For | : | SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME |)))) |
| Attorney Ref. | : | KAW 110D1 | October 17, 2006 |

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action of July 17, 2006, the period for reply to which has been set to expire on October 17, 2006.

Please amend the above-identified application as specified on the following pages, and then reconsider the application in view of the Remarks that are presented thereafter.